

MORRIS NOT ARRESTED.

The Report That he was Lured to Capture is Untrue.

Three or four weeks ago telegraph despatches from British Columbia appeared in a number of papers announcing the arrest of D. S. Morris, formerly of Rat Portage. A graphic description of how he was lured across the line into the State of Washington and there arrested and charged with the stealing of \$25,000 from the West Side Bank of New York, was given. The details were nicely worked out and everything seemed to point to the truth of the despatch. However, we take the following from the Rossland Miner, which explains itself:

"A letter and a telegram have been received in this city from C.S. Morris, who is in Okalla, in the Kereenos valley, stating that the report that he had been lured into the State of Washington is without foundation. This report was published in nearly all of the papers in the province and was thought to be reliable. Mr. Morris, however, denies the truth of the statement and he should know.

"The question is why and by whom the report was caused to be put in circulation and the reason therefore, President Tietjens, of the New York bank which Morris is accused of embezzling the funds from, says he received a telegram from a town in

Washington stating that Morris was under arrest there. The bank recently began a suit against Morris in this province to recover the amount he is alleged to have stolen and it is possible that the report of his arrest was put in circulation for the purpose of affecting this suit. Another explanation is that a plot actually existed to lure Morris across the line, which failed, and the plans of those in the attempt were prematurely made public. It is a most mysterious affair throughout."

Mining is Improving.

"Legitimate mining is looking up, and men with capital are coming in to New Ontario." Mr. Peter McKellar, of Port Arthur, made this statement to The News at the Rossin House. "Among those who came down from the west with me was Mr. Steele, who who is interested in mining. He has some splendid gold specimens, obtained from two properties he is interested in, one ten miles south of the Sawbill mine, where they have gone down 200 feet, and the other from a place 60 miles north of Ignace, on the C.P.R. It is on Sturgeon Lake, and the reports from the location have caused a big rush of men and supplies to that part.

"You have no doubt heard that the American Steel Wire Company is operating on the Atikokan Iron Range. Last year they tunneled into the mountain and now, for the past two months, they have been testing the property with two steam diamond drills. Their reports are so good that they are negotiating with the C.P.R. to run a spur line to the property. The matter will be decided in about two weeks' time."—Toronto News.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Purchase of the Electric Light Plant was the Chief Topic.

The regular meeting of the town council was held last night. Councillors Brydon, Belyea, Cameron, Chadwick and Horswill were present. In the absence of Mayor Cameron, acting mayor Belyea took the chair.

Communications were received from W. Whyte, W. Gurd & Co., D. Hyslop, Imperial Oil Co., H. F. Dusk, Thos. Elliott, A. McLennan, Secretary of Local Board of Health, Jas. Weidman.

The report of the fire, water and light committee was adopted. It recommended that the chairman of the finance committee be authorized to effect an insurance against accidents upon all members of the fire brigade at a cost of \$3.00 each. A number of supplies were ordered to be purchased. L. Hilliard was granted a reduction on water rates for the unoccupied portion of his hotel.

The finance committee submitted their report recommending payment of accounts aggregating \$402.02; also recommending that the balance due the Rat Portage Hardware Co., \$39.35, for heating fire hall as per contract made last fall, be paid. They recommended that \$300 be granted the public library and reading room, and in doing so would strongly advise the

and the only way was by arbitration. He said Mr. Ferguson's remarks were, of course, from the electric company's standpoint and that he (Mr. Ferguson) asked for the council's sympathy, and not from a business standpoint. There are only two or three sources by which we can lower our tax rate. One is to purchase the electric lighting plant and run it at a profit. No extensions should be made to the waterworks system unless enough users could be obtained to pay interest on debentures. The same would apply to the electric system should it become the property of the town.

Continuing, Mr. Chadwick said the law provides that any town has the right to build a plant or purchase the plant already in existence. In the case of the latter the law also provides for arbitration. Referring to Coun. Brydon's motion that the town solicitor be requested to give his written opinion on the case in hand, he said it would not do to force the town solicitor to publish his opinion on the case and thus show their hand.

Mr. Brydon insisted on his motion and also requested the clerk to read the financial statement of the town, which was done. He said the town was not in a position to purchase the electric lighting plant. Mr. Brydon felt so keenly on the subject that he became nervous and consequently was unable to express his opinions very clearly on the subject.

Coun. Horswill said that on listening to Mr. Brydon he thought that he (Mr. Brydon) believed that it would pay us to own the electric lighting plant. Mr. Horswill believed that the town could make a good profit out of the electric lighting plant and also out of the waterworks when the system was extended. He believed that it would pay to use electrical energy at the waterworks power house. He said, in order to make a business pay we have to be progressive and lay out money. He felt that the company should get a fair, just and equitable price for their plant.

Mr. Brydon said he was in favor of owning the plant if the town was financially strong. To this Mr. Horswill replied that the purchasing of the plant was one way to improve the financial condition of the town.

Coun. Chadwick thought the Council should move a vote of thanks to Mr. Brydon for providing the financial statement, as it was one of the strongest arguments in favor of the town owning a paying property.

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THISTLES ARE WINNERS.

Defeated the Winnipeg Vics. in a Close Game —5 to 4.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! we're champions again. Hurrah! Hurrah! bring on some better men."

Such is the song that the Thistle's supporters can now sing. Friday night's game proved beyond a doubt that the Rat Portage team won purely and simply on their merits and the Vics. accepted their defeat gracefully. The Rat Portage team have a record of which any team might be proud, winning 9 games and only losing 2. One loss at home, when the Vics. won by 3 to 2, and the other at Portage la Prairie. Here they also only lost by one goal.

The champions who have made such a record in the league matches of the Western Hockey Association are practically the Intermediate Champions of the world for there can be no question about it that the west can discount anything in the east, in the Intermediate arena, and it can be said without any hesitation that Rat Portage can defeat a great host of eastern teams who look upon themselves and are classified as Seniors.

When the boys lost their game here it was a considerable disappointment to their supporters but we knew that when it came time to play off the draw the boys in red and white would not be found wanting. The game in Winnipeg Friday night proved that our confidence was not misplaced.

It was one of the finest games of the season both sides doing their best to win out. It was fast from start to finish, and every man worked as if his life depended on the showing he should make.

The teams lined up as follows:

Victorias	Rat Portage
Oleson	Goal
Benson	Point
Fairchild	Cover Point
Cadham	Hooper
Robinson	McGinnis
Marsh	Forward
Boswell	Hilliard

McGinnis secured on the face-off and the forwards in an even line swept to the other goal. But the puck was almost immediately sent back to the

Next year the Stanley Cup.

The Shamrocks say the boys can discount anything in Ontario senior or intermediate.

The Senior Winnipeg were defeated by the score of 6 to 2 by the Shamrocks last Saturday night.

The Senior Vics. defeated the Shamrocks 4 to 0 last night.

The Champion Seven.

A short sketch of the different members of the champion seven follows: Captain Phillips.

Capt. Thos. Phillips, familiarly called "Nibs" is one of the most popular sports around. He first attracted notice on the school team where he played at centre. Then a mere boy he played with all the speed and endurance of a man. Becoming a senior he improved rapidly, and last year played a star forward game. This year his increased weight and speed pointed him out as a most probable cover point. He was accordingly moved to that position and today he is recognized—although not yet 18—as one of the best cover-points in the west, being a swift shot, a high lifter and a heavy check.

"Jim" Fraser.

Jim Fraser is considered the swiftest of the seven. Of medium height and slender build, weight only 137 lbs., he can skate at a tremendous speed. Light as he is, the man has yet to be found who can knock him off his feet. A splendid stick handler, cool, clear and steady, he has been playing for some years on the senior team and has never failed them yet. He makes an ideal rover, undoubtedly the best in the league.

Charlie Hilliard.

Charlie Hilliard, who plays left wing is certainly an All hockeyist. Last year in a number of games he played for the Thistles and always put up a brilliant game. This year he has been in every match and has continued to improve upon every trial. He is a swift, unerring shot, a rapid skater, and is a thorough strategist. He has a style of playing peculiarly his own, but remarkably effective. He always gets the best of his man, never fails once he gets near the nets, and always gives the goal-keeper something to remember him by. He is a star amongst stars.

Thos. Hooper.

"Tom" Hooper, who plays on the right wing, although only 17, is a wiry and swift a wing man as one could wish to see. On the old school team Tom and Phillips were the stars.

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fronts, regular \$1. Sale 85c

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flounce reduced to 75c and 85c, regular
price 90c and \$1.

Thudson Bay Stores
RAT PORTAGE.

school buildings and furniture and
furnishings and the amount of insur-
ance carried thereon.

That the waterworks cheques not
called for be charged back and thus
closed out.

That the clerk be instructed to have
forms printed for applications for
water services, also forms for claims
for rebates on services.

That the clerk be authorized to make
the necessary entries in town's books
to show the indebtedness to Bank of
Ottawa on waterworks debentures
account.

That cheques be issued to the auditors
for their salaries in accordance
with resolution of appointment.

The report of the town engineer on
sewer for Central schools was received.

A motion of Couns. Brydon and
Belyea to the effect that the town sol-
icitor be requested to submit a writ-
ten opinion to the council as to the
rights, powers and privileges to pur-
chase the plant of the Electric Light Co.
was lost.

On behalf of the Electric Light Co.,
Mr. Ferguson asked permission to ad-
dress the council, which was granted.
He said the proceedings were irregular
and suggested that the council secure
the advice of their solicitor in writing
as to whether they have the right to
arbitrate and take over the plant. He
said the passing of Mr. Chadwick's
motion practically meant the passing
of the bylaw offering \$30,000 for the
plant, and jollied the council some-
what on this figure. Getting serious
again he asked the council if they
were aware that the town had reached
its borrowing maximum. It was so, he
said, and if they purchased this plant
it would require the best of manage-
ment to keep the town financially
sound. He said that the business of
the company had not been carried on
at a large profit.

Mr. Chadwick took exception to
this statement and asked for informa-
tion as to profit, which Mr. Ferguson
said he would give.

Continuing Mr. Ferguson said that
the existing contracts of the company
with the town prohibited any settle-
ment by forced arbitration under the
act passed in 1899. He said it was a
serious matter, and asked the council
to vote for Mr. Brydon's motion.

Coun. Belyea said he did not like to
see a fight over the matter; but
thought the Citizens' Electric Co.
should be treated fairly and squarely
as citizens, and asked the council to
consider the matter well.

Speaking on his motion Mr. Chad-
wick said the council had a mandate
from the citizens to proceed in the
matter, and he felt that the town
should buy the plant at a fair price,

financially strong. To this Mr. Brydon
replied that the purchasing of the
plant was one way to improve the
financial condition of the town.

Coun. Chadwick thought the Coun-
cil should move a vote of thanks to
Mr. Brydon for providing the financial
statement, as it was one of the strong-
est arguments in favor of the town
owning a paying property.

Acting Mayor Belyea said that he
would file a minority report on the
matter and contended that it would
require a special act of the legislature
to put the purchase through.

The discussion then ended and the
votes were taken as below.

Moved by Coun. Brydon, seconded
by Coun. Belyea, that this council
does not approve of the unauthorized
action of any member of the council
or any official thereof, making any
additions to the private bill except
what is already advertised in the notice
to the public, and further, that this
council does not at present approve of
a clause inserted in the bill to purchase
the plant of the Citizens' Telephone &
Electric Co., and that the clerk and
town solicitor be instructed to stop all
proceedings forthwith. Lost. Yeas—
Couns. Brydon and Belyea; Nays—
Couns. Cameron, Chadwick, Hors-
will.

Moved by Coun. Chadwick, seconded
by Coun. Horswill, that the rules be
suspended and that the clerk and town
solicitor be and are hereby instructed
to do all things necessary to assist in
getting a bill through the legislature
to enable the Town of Rat Portage to
purchase the electric lighting plant
now owned by the Citizens' Telephone
& Electric Co. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Chadwick, seconded
by Coun. Cameron, that the clerk be
instructed to have the telephone
that is now in the waterworks office
removed to the residence of chairman
Fire Water and Light Committee, pro-
viding that there is not any additional
cost except that of removal.

A resolution was passed fixing the
hours in which the town clerk's office
shall be opened to the public at from
10 to 12 a. m. and from 1.30 to 3.30 p.
m. and on Thursday and Saturday of
each week from 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.

The by-law for the management of
the water-works system received its
third reading and was finally passed.
The council adjourned.

Could Scarcely Walk

Mr. George Thompson, a leading
merchant of Blenheim, Ont., states:—
"I was troubled with itching piles for
fifteen years, and at times they were
so bad I could scarcely walk. I tried a
great many remedies, but never found
anything like Dr. Chase's Ointment.
After the third application I obtained
relief, and was completely cured by
using one box." Ask your neighbors
about Dr. Chase's Ointment, the only
absolute cure for piles.

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Marshall		Hilliard	
Boswell			

McGinsie secured on the face-off and
the forwards in an even line swept to
the other goal. But the puck was al-
most immediately sent back to the
Rat Portage end. Our defence how-
ever were on the alert and in another
moment McGinsie and Fraser passed
together towards the Vics. goal. Mc-
Ginsie sent to Fraser and he scored
goal no. 1. Time 34 min.

The Vics. made a tremendous dash
and sent shot after shot in on Fred,
only to be fooled by his clever stops.
Then our forwards gave Oleson some
more work to do. At last from a mix-
up Robinson secured the puck and
evened matters. Time 131 min.

Play continued for 5 minutes more
when Marshall dashed down the ice
and by a good clean shot scored the
Vics. second goal.

McGinsie and Hilliard did not like
the looks of things and almost im-
mediately afterwards Hilliard showed
what a Rat Portager could do by even-
ing up the score.

In the next face-off our boys got the
best of their opponents and rushed
towards their goal. Phillips following
at a short distance was in the right
place and sent puck into the net.
Score—3 to 2. Half time was called
the score remaining unchanged.

In the second half the Vics. looked
determined. Fairchild tried to put
Hooper out of business but received
such a check that he was sent sprawling
backward much to his own sur-
prise. Finally Boswell put in a win-
ning shot, and the score was a tie
again. Time 11 min.

The greatest excitement now pre-
vailed. There was a scrimmage near
the Vics. net and in 3 minutes McGin-
sie had made it 4 to 3.

In exactly the same time and under
the same conditions he repeated the
trick.

The Vics. began to look blue but in
two minutes Benson rushed down the
ice, passed to Marshall and the Vics.
had scored their last goal. They tried
hard to put in another but our boys
were too much for them. The hell
rang and the Thistles had won.

For the champions every one played
splendid hockey. Dulmage, Swinford
and Phillips were an invincible trio,
while every man on the forward line
played as he never played before.
Hilliard and Hooper got decidedly the
best of their men, while McGinsie and
Fraser dodged past everything.

For the Vics. Benson and Oleson
were in splendid condition and Mar-
shall and Cadham did brilliant work
on the forward line.

Puckering.

Our record—67 goals to 32.

a style of playing peculiarly his own,
but remarkably effective. He always
gets the best of his man, never fails
once he gets near the nets, and always
gives the goal-keeper something to re-
member him by. He is a star amongst
stars.

Thos. Hooper.

"Tom" Hooper, who plays on the
right wing, although only 17, is a
swif and swift a wing man as one
could wish to see. On the old school
team Tom and Phillips were the stars
who drew all eyes towards them by
their whirlwind rushes. He soon se-
cured a place on the senior team
where his energy and dashing vivacity
have always won well-merited ap-
plause. Tommy knows a thing or two
about hockey and works from start to
finish every time.

Willie McGinsie.

McGinsie at centre ice is also quite
a way from 21. Small and slight he is
nevertheless in all probability the best
centre forward of the west outside of
Dan Bain. His dodges form a re-
markable feature of every game. Rat
Portage ever figures in. He is a hard
man on the goal-keeper and never
misses a shot. "Mac" always plays the
star game and generally has two or
three men of the opposing team set to
hold him down. But he can best
them all.

Arthur Swinford.

Swinford who plays at point is one
of the best. He formerly played on
the senior Winnipeg, and the Ottawa
and Montreal papers said he was the
best point player in Canada. He is
swift and alert, a great lifter, and a
most unmerciful check. Wood to the
man who runs against him. He won't
venture a second time.

Fred Dulmage.

Dulmage as a goal-keeper has few
peers. With an eye like a hawk he
sees everything and stops the most
rapid and puzzling shots. He clears
his goal rapidly and never loses his
head. He is a good man who can
score on Dulmage. There are ever
some who think him better than
Brown of Stanley Cup fame. You
can always rely on Fred.

Mining Land is In Dispute.

Bertrand J. Clergue, and the Lake
Superior Power Company have ap-
pealed to the court of Appeal from a
decision dismissing the action against
an hotel-keeper, named David M.
Murphy, of Winnipeg and his wife,
Elizabeth. The plaintiffs sought to
compel the defendants to carry out an
agreement to sell 67 acres of mining
land in Algoma for \$855. The defend-
ants refused, alleging that the prop-
erty was worth \$15,000.

Chronic Bronchitis

Rev. J. N. Van Natter, of Stentor,
Ill., writes:—"About one year ago I
obtained from you six bottles of Dr.
Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpen-
tine. I gave away two, and took the
other four. I had been seriously af-
flicted with Chronic Bronchitis for
years and could get no relief. A lead-
ing physician told me that it was only
a question of time and I would die.
I tried many remedies but this was the
only remedy of Dr. Chase's that was strong
enough. 25 cents a bottle, all dealers.

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THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY.

The people of Rat Portage are more or less interested in the pulp and paper trade; for it is hoped that before many months we will have established here a large pulp mill and probably also as an adjunct, a paper mill. With Canada's almost unlimited supply of pulp wood it should be but a little time till we are the chief pulp exporting country in the world. Reference to trade statistics, however, shows that Canada has always been an importer of paper. With such an abundant supply of the raw material it should not be necessary to import supplies of paper from other countries. Last year our imports amounted to over \$1,000,000 including a small portion of newspaper.

The United States, although importing both pulp wood and pulp from Canada, is a large exporter of paper, amounting last year to about \$6,000,000. Shipments were made to Japan, South Africa, Germany, Great Britain, Australia and other countries. This trade we hope will eventually be supplied by Canadian manufacturers.

With the immense supplies of pulp wood in the Rainy River district and the great demand for pulp, the establishment of a pulp mill at Rat Portage should be an assured success. The promoters of the scheme should get all possible assistance in their endeavor to make satisfactory terms with the government. How the negotiations are progressing we are not in a position to state, but it is quite possible the coming summer will see operations commenced.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Principal Grant of Kingston, speaking at St. Thomas the other night, said: "We are moving along right lines. Let us continue to move. We had adopted parties in Imperial postage and gone partners in a cable system. Let us extend that until Australia, New Zealand and Canada own a cable around the globe. He believed the Government should own the telegraphs, too. (Applause.) We must stand for the preferential tariff, and push it on till we shall have common unity of the empire, and its conquest, by the

Eve in the garden of Eden," calmly announced the girl.

At this moment the door opened and the five-year-old—nude, as an infant cherub—wearing his father's silk hat and carrying a gold-headed cane stepped in with a pompous air.

"And what are you?" gasped the astonished mother.

"I'm Dod A'mighty, walkin' in the darden in the tool-of-the-evenin'," the cherub replied.

"Dod A'mighty" was instantly persuaded to get into petticoats while the other children were admonished to confine their games hereafter to such as could be based on more recent historical situations.

Sudden Death of A. H. Mitchell.

A. H. Mitchell, who was well known in town, died suddenly Saturday morning last. He was apparently in his usual health on Friday evening, and seemed to have many years of life before him. He was however subject to heart trouble and this was the cause of death. The deceased had been in the employ of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. as shipper for some years. The bereaved wife and two daughters have the sympathy of the whole town in their sad and sudden affliction.

The funeral took place yesterday and was largely attended.

LIKED THE POORHOUSE.

Would Not Leave It to Go For Money That Belonged to Him.

"I won't go out! I won't leave here for anything!"

Such was the amazing declaration of a pauper attendant in an east end London workhouse on being told by an agent that he was entitled to some money. And the man—the son of a post captain in the navy—meant all that he said. Not an inch would he budge, nor would he sign any paper, and it was only by taking a commissioner down to him that the fund could be recovered.

Whether because it was only a comparatively small sum or whether because he was a worker, the guardians made no claim on it. Accordingly, at his request, it was split, and two accounts were opened on his behalf in the Postoffice Savings bank. But for all that, he continued to remain in the workhouse.

Meanwhile he was very anxious that his wife should not know he was alive—in fact, he denied that he was married. His life partner, however, called at the agent's office to inquire about the case, though she begged that her husband might not be told of her whereabouts. She was in a fairly good position, earning as she did a living by keeping a ladies' school, and once or twice her reprobate husband had turned up in an intoxicated condition and raised a commotion that had

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The Times.

"DRINK NOTHING but Natural Mineral Water, such as Apollinaris free from all vegetable poisons."

Boston Journal.

Chronic Bronchitis

Mr. Wm. Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states:—"Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis. I have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man."

Mr. W. R. Alger, insurance agent Halifax, N.S., says:—"I used Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for a severe attack of bronchitis. Permit me to testify to its splendid curative properties. I got better from the time of taking the first dose. Having a family of young children, my doctors' bills have annually come to a considerable sum. I believe a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup occasionally will aid me in reducing them very materially." 25 cents a bottle, all dealers.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

WALK BLINDLY TO DEATH.

One of the Keenest Birds Is Often Deceived by His Visual Organ.

After trudging all day along the top of the mountain with no success at all, inasmuch as I had shot several times but failed to bring down my game, I ran across an old hunter, J. W. Hyde. After the usual greeting we seated ourselves on an old log to exchange notes. I put the question:

"Why are the turkeys always on the run when I see them?"

The old man, spit through his teeth, changed his position, laid his long muzzle loading rifle on the ground, put the fourth portion of a plug of tobacco in his mouth and proceeded to tell me why the turkeys were always on the run when I saw them:

"Of all the game I have ever hunted turkeys display the most wonderful power of vision. I cannot tell just why this is. I have made a microscopic examination of the eyes of the hawk, eagle, fox, weasel and owl, but find no material difference in the lens and retina. The chiliary muscles and the iris are exactly the same, yet none

Popular Wants.

TO LET—Houses and Offices and Rooms in Clougher Block. C. W. Chadwick. 41tf

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The tables of trade and navigation returns for the Dominion credits Rat Portage with 191 vessels, of 23,007 tons register, and crews numbering 1,741. Port Frances is credited with 9 vessels of 7,374 tons register, and 518 crew. Lake of the Woods trade is looking up.

The magnitude of the pulp industry in the northern district of the province of Quebec, may be better conceived by those who have no idea to what extent it is reaching, by the amount of pulp which the Chicoutimi Pulp Company are turning out. At the present time it has over 2,000 carloads of pulp stored away for shipment in the spring when navigation opens. The quantity is increasing with every day's output, and by the month of April the company will be prepared to ship some 6,000 cars. The whole of this pulp is sold in England, which country it will be exported to in the spring.

A Realistic Play.

The Macleod Advance publishes the following story of childish vagaries: A Los Angeles woman, who is the mother of three very interesting children, has also a small conservatory filled with potted plants. Upon returning home from making some afternoon calls recently she was surprised when passing through her conservatory to find it nearly empty; but on entering her drawing room she discovered her palms, ferns and rubber plants artistically placed in groups of two or three among gilded chairs, tea tables and bric-a-brac. Her surprise was augmented at beholding her eldest son and little daughter as naked as they were born walking under a Japanese umbrella. "Children," she exclaimed, "what on earth are you doing?" "We're playing we're Adam and

Eve," said the boy, who was very anxious that his wife should not know he was alive. "In fact, he denied that he was married. His life partner, however, called at the agent's office to inquire about the case, though she begged that her husband might not be told of her whereabouts. She was in a fairly good position, earning as she did a living by keeping a ladies' school, and once or twice her reprobate husband had turned up in an intoxicated condition and raised a commotion that had scandalized her pupils. The ill-sorted pair were, therefore, not brought into communication.

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muzzle issuing from the ground, put the fourth portion of a plug of tobacco in his mouth and proceeded to tell me why the turkeys were always on the run when I saw them. "Of all the game I have ever hunted turkeys display the most wonderful power of vision. I cannot tell just why this is, I have made a microscopic examination of the eyes of the hawk, eagle, fox, weasel and owl, but find no material difference in the lens and retina. The optical muscles and the iris are exactly the same, yet none of these keen visioned creatures can compare with the turkey in point of seeing. I remember the acuteness of sight displayed by one old gobbler. I had carefully concealed myself, and no part of my body was visible but the upper part of my head. A puff of wind slightly disturbed the brim of my hat. He saw it and immediately took to flight.

"On another occasion I was hunting in the mountains in Georgia. I was lying behind a log and was carefully hidden, all but the upper part of my face. A turkey was slowly coming in response to my call and was carefully noticing for signs of danger. A mosquito was stinging me fearfully on the forehead. I raised my finger slowly to crush it, and as soon as the finger came within range of vision cluck went the turkey, and he was gone.

"Now, the most inexplicable thing in regard to hunting turkeys is that, with all their acuteness of sight, the surest way to get a shot is to sit down in an open place with your back against a tree, in full view, and strange to say they will walk up within ten steps without seeing you."

Just then we noticed that the sun was down. The old hunter invited me to spend the night at his camp, which I did and had a most pleasant time.—Forest and Stream.

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NOTICE.

THE Canadian Northern Railway Company will apply to have added to its Bill before the Parliament of Canada at its present session the necessary provisions confirming a contract dated 11th February, 1901, made between the Company and the Government of Manitoba, relating to the lease of certain railways in Manitoba now being operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company and providing for the carrying out of such contract and relating to the guarantee by the said Government of certain bonds of the Company, and to other matters and providing for the acquisition of said railways for the consideration in said lease mentioned.

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GEN. 45: 5-8; 50: 20.

In these words of comfort to his brethren the patriarch expresses this thought that there is a power in human life above man, that plans are executed which have not originated in human intelligence. There is a Supreme Architect of the universe, and for each individual of the race He has a plan of life. In Joseph's language we have an ancient setting of the modern lines, "There is a Providence that shapes our ends, roughs hew them, how we will." The blind artist following with his hands the lines of a famous statue, exclaimed, "Great is the marble. Greater still the hand that fashioned it. Greatest of all the God who fashioned the sculptor." The greatness of God is truly manifest in the being of man. But God is revealed in the history of man as well as in his creation. The events of human life constitute a singular display of the wondrous power and infinite wisdom of God.

1. The evidence. It is natural an enquirer should ask upon what authority it is asserted that every man's life is a plan of God. We may say that in every other realm of God's creation there is abundant evidence of design. In the form and function of things intelligence is displayed. There is on every hand the adaptation of means to an end, and this adaptation is perfect.

We may surely conclude then that if God planned for the life and movement of the radiant orbs of heaven, and for all things inanimate of His great creation He did not overlook man, the highest of His creatures, and leave his life without plan or purpose. We may say also that the Bible declares that God had specific plans for the course of human life in individual instances, and that, in harmony with this, His care of His people is personal. Then to the predicted purpose of Christ's coming into the world to gather with the consciousness of Jesus that He had a definite mission to accomplish points to the thought of a plan. But chiefly the history of each life establishes the conviction that God has thought out a place and mission for every one. Therein it is seen that a purpose higher than man's and often against him, has determined his way. Lord Shaftesbury when a child, though the son of a common street sweeper, was

8. The revelation. We are laborers together with God. We must consciously co-operate with Him in executing the plan for our life. It seems natural to think that if this is our responsibility we should be admitted to the secret of God's purposes. God meets our need, and satisfies our wish in this particular. God hath chosen us that we should know His will. There is some qualification of this which must ever be borne in mind. In a general way, so that direction may be given to life, we may know the will of God, yet the revelation of His purposes is gradual. The architect prepares plans which suffice for building preparation and estimate. Details are given as the work progresses. There is much pertaining to life which we cannot now know but we shall know hereafter. God will instruct and teach us in the way. He will guide us with His eye. There are some secret things that belong unto God. Leave these to Him and await the day of seasonable revelation. But forget not that we may know what will suffice to the perfecting of His will in and through us. To this end we must needs study with care the Bible, and watch with open eye and eager mind God's providences; try to see the meaning of these messages and the significance of events and situations. "No calling or work is permitted you that does not represent the industry, truth, justice, mercy, and beneficence of God." These distinctions between right and wrong are made plain in the Bible, and from the course of life we may catch suggestions of purpose, following which, we shall be led on to God's planned end of life. It is needful also that we should aim at perfection as we go. Keep the soul pure. God may speak His will but the ear may be heavy that it cannot hear. Negligent of our work, we may be judged worthy of discharge. Doing as well as we know and striving ever towards our ideals, there shall be light for us, and God will bless us with the daily consciousness that we are in our place, are fulfilling our mission, and accomplishing our rightful destiny.

4. The acceptance. Man is endowed with will. He may choose and thus to a solemn degree he is the arbiter of his own fortunes. This plan of God for life is submitted for his approval. It is for him to accept or reject. The Pharaoh of the Exodus is an illustration. Let us accept God's plan of our life. It is a grave crisis when God's purpose is first revealed to us. Moses had the choice of palace or desert. "He chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." One of the mightiest voices lifted against slavery was that of Wendell Phillips. His natural gifts, and his opportunities set before him a splendid vision of

Believe in God. These unfavorable to stability as they seem, have their place. The working out of life's plan makes great demands, but not greater than our ability to respond when God is the strength of our life and our portion. It is an hour fraught with great promise when one plunges to accept God's design for his life. He is no longer an adventurer. He is an ambassador. His mission is defined. His life in its issue is not to be regarded, to use another figure, as so much material in mass, so many tons of wood and stone, but as the completion of a stable stately edifice; material first organized in thought, and then with faith and patience placed according to plan until the structure is complete. The promise of such a choice is that a man at the end shall be able to lay down his life and say with Christ, "perfectly, and yet with some measure of truth and confidence. 'It is finished.'"

MASTER OF HIMSELF.

The Test Was a Unique One, but the Boy Stood It.

That was a unique way in which Mr. Smith, a merchant of an eastern city in want of a boy, is said to have tested the young applicants who came to him. He put a sign in his window: "Wanted, a Boy: Wages \$4: \$6 to the Right One."

As each applicant appeared the merchant asked, "Can you read?" Then he took the boy into a quiet room, gave him an open book and bade him read without a break until told to stop.

When the reading had been going on for a few minutes, Mr. Smith dropped a book to the floor and then rose and moved certain articles about the room. This was sufficient to pique the curiosity of some of the candidates. They looked up, lost their place on the page, blundered, and the merchant said:

"You may stop. I shall not need you at present. I want a boy who is master of himself."

If the reader was undisturbed by Mr. Smith's movements, a lot of roguish puppies were tumbled out of a basket and encouraged to frolic about the floor. This proved too much for most of the boys. They looked, hesitated and were dismissed.

Boy after boy underwent the same treatment until over 30 had been tried and had failed to control their curiosity. At length, one morning, a boy read steadily on without manifesting any desire to look at the puppies.

"Stop!" said the merchant finally. "Did you see those puppies?"

"No, sir," replied the boy. "I could not see them and read too."

"You knew they were there?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you fond of dogs?"

"Yes, sir."

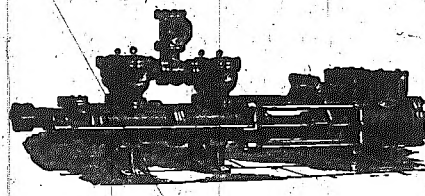
"All right. I think you will suit me," said the merchant. "Come tomorrow. Your wages will start at \$4, and if you prove master of yourself, as I think you will, you shall have \$6, perhaps more."

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Christ's coming into the world together with the consciousness of Jesus that He had a definite mission to accomplish points to the thought of a plan. But chiefly the history of each life establishes the conviction that God has thought out a place and mission for every one. Therein it is seen that a purpose higher than man's and often against him, has determined his way. Lord Shaftesbury when a child, though the son of a peer, suffered even to starvation, and the memory of this neglect and hardship so quickened his sympathies as to make him in his manhood the constant friend of neglected children. When at school taking a walk one day he saw a funeral procession. He was amazed to witness the conduct of the bearers who were all jealously intoxicated, and shocked to see them drop their burden upon the street. A memorial now marks the place where Shaftesbury stood when his attention was arrested by this spectacle for while roused with horror to that spot he resolved that he would ever be a friend of the poor. God was thus shaping his life to the plan. And shall we not conclude there is a plan for our life, too, one that is designed for us by God, and one which we may attain by fidelity and which we can only miss by our choice?

2. The contents. Both from revelation and life we may gather something of general character concerning what God embraces in His plan for us. There is an ideal of personal attainment. There is a height of culture to which He would have us rise. This ideal is presented to view in the Bible, also, and chiefly, in the person of Christ. We are men not beasts. God's design for us is that we reach the stature of perfect men, the measure of the fulness of Christ. Mission is another feature of God's plan. He holds in view something distinct for each one as a work of faith and labor of love for him to accomplish. For this career He has special adaptation designed in the temperament, equipment, and circumstances of men. Melancthon was the scholar of the Reformation and Luther the apostle, and each for his place and work had a fitting equipment. The events of life, its incidents, its insignificant happenings even are thought out by God. The minuteness of God's providence appears in the story of Joseph, and there is a witness to His foresight and care in every humble life. He plans details, and though these may seem to us trivial, they all have their bearing in the original plan, and often a most important place they fill in the working out of our destiny. "God makes all things work together for good for them who love Him, who are the called according to His purpose." Place of birth, residence, migration, darkness, light, poverty, disappointment, affluence, persecution, and promotion—all are embraced in the purpose of God.

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3. The working out. No easy task is set before those who choose according to the will of God. The friendship of God brings the equity of the world. Work is carried on in the face of opposition as Nehemiah builded the walls of Jerusalem. All the danger is not from without however. There is danger from ourselves. And thinking therefore of the working out of God's plan we shall see that it means on our part—Fidelity. We must be true to duty. We must watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. Scrupulous care must be observed in all our work. No other ambitions or plans can be permitted. Our doing the will of God must be marked with the fidelity that characterized the life of Christ. He suffered no departures from the plan, and even when anguish of spirit reached a height that human heart has never known He cried "Nevertheless not my will but thine be done." Patience too is a quality that shall demand a place. All work demands time, fine work especially. "All that we possess has come to us by way of a long path. There is no instantaneous liberty or wisdom or language or beauty or religion." We have need of patience that after having done the will of God we may inherit the promises. And faith is essential. We must believe in the plan and also in the possibility of realization. Heroes of battle or of labor have all been men of faith. Men say the thing is good but not practicable; the plan is the best but its fulfillment, for me at least, is an impossibility. Believe in its accomplishment. Remember that it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Remember that all things are possible to him that believeth. Do not be disappointed when certain materials are introduced into the structure of life.

said the merchant, "Come tomorrow. Your wages will start at \$4, and if you prove master of yourself, as I think you will, you shall have \$8, perhaps more."

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Besides these floating vegetable gardens there are also floating ricefields. Upon rafts constructed as above reeds, and adherent mud are placed as a flooring soil, which, being adhesive and held in place by weed roots, the plants are maintained in position throughout the season. The rice thus planted ripens in from 60 to 70 in place of 100 days. The rafts are cabled to the shore, floating on lakes, pools or sluggish streams. These floating fields serve to avert famines, whether by drought or flood. When other fields were submerged and their crops sodden or rotted these floated and flourished, and when a drought prevailed they subsided with the falling water and, while the soil around was arid, advanced to maturity. Agricultural treatises contain plates representing rows of extensive ricefields moored to sturdy trees on the banks of rivers or lakes which existed formerly in the lacustrine regions of the lower Yang-tse and Yellow rivers.

A Confession of Ideas.

Sir Henry Howorth is a writer of mark, certainly of research, for his "History of the Mongols" took many years of steady and arduous inquiry. And thereby hangs a tale which, it is said, he has often told against himself. One evening, when taking in to dinner a lady who had been tightly primed as to his great subject, there was a strange conversation: "I understand, Sir Henry, that you are fond of dogs. So am I." "Dogs, madam? I really must plead guilty. I know nothing at all of them." "Indeed! And they told me you had written a famous history of mongrels!"

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Items of Local Interest

Miss Wilson, of Hamilton, who takes charge of the millinery department for E.G. Hall & Co., arrived in town Monday.

Geo. Brown, of Gordon, Ironside & Pares, is in town.

John Dean, we are glad to learn, is much improved in health and is feeling himself again.

Rev. Chas. Langford, of Calgary, arrived here Sunday evening, being called to the bedside of his brother, Henry Langford.

Rev. Dr. Langford, of Owen Sound, arrived here Monday morning to visit his son.

Miss May Franks returned home from Toronto yesterday.

D.L. Mather and Master Willie, also Judge Chapple and son who attended the hockey match in Winnipeg, arrived home Sunday.

E.G. Hall returned yesterday from a trip east.

H. J. Dale, representing the Canadian Manufacturers Association of Toronto, has been in town for a couple of days in the interests of the association. For the past month he has been in the west organizing branches, and we understand has been very successful. The object of the association is to bring the manufacturers of Canada more in touch with one another for their mutual good.

Miss Montague of the Gardner-Rice McLeod staff, who has been ill for several months with typhoid and complications following it, will leave for home at Guelph this evening. Her friends here hope that she will soon be back.

Seldom has a community exhibited such anxious feelings of genuine regret at the illness of a citizen as Rat Portage has done the past week over the condition of Mr. Langford. Enquiries have been made almost hourly, and the united hope is that he may speedily recover. We are sorry to state that his condition was not improved this morning and that he passed a restless night.

Rev. J. H. Hector, the talented colored orator will lecture in Zion Methodist church on Thursday evening. Go and hear him.

Editor Lumby of the Wabigoon Star was in town Saturday. He anticipates a prosperous year for the Manitou district.

Mrs. Geo. McCannan has returned from a visit to Peterboro, her old home.

Mrs. Wm. Robertson left last night to meet her husband at Montreal on his return from a trip to Great Britain.

Miss Grace Burton entertained a number of friends to an at home on Thursday afternoon last.

Miss May Scovill is expected home from Winnipeg this evening.

Alex. McGregor, a wood chopper, was found dead in his shack near Schreiber last week. He was said to be subject to epileptic fits and to this his death is attributed, as there were no evidences of foul play.

A number of dry goods merchants are busy opening out shipments of new spring goods.

A benefit concert in aid of the Citizens' band is announced for Friday evening next, March 15, in the Victoria rink. There should be a big crowd.

S. S. Cummins delivered an interesting and instructive address on "Japan" at the meeting of St. Andrew's Guild of St. Alban's church last evening.

D. A. Pendey, auditor, accountant, etc. has removed his office to the Verker block, Matheson St.

R. J. Elliott, a C. P. R. conductor with headquarters at Schreiber, died Sunday 3rd inst. at Cathbert, South Carolina, whither he had gone in search of health. Mr. Elliott was well-known to travellers on the C. P. R. and was one of the most popular conductors on the line.

Port Arthur Chronicle, March 8:—After an illness of 10 days J. L. Webb, one of the best known and popular C. P. R. conductors, died at his residence Nugent street this morning. Mr. Webb physically was unable to withstand the ravages of a severe illness, and a week after he had contracted pneumonia it was seen that there was slight chance for his recovery. The late Mr. Webb had run as a passenger conductor on the Port Arthur-Chapleau division of the C. P. R. for a number of years and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

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"One of the strangest things in life," said an amateur philosopher of Camp street, "is the fact that we never really become acquainted with our physical selves. Here I have been living in this body of mine for nearly 50 years, yet I have no idea how I look, how I hear myself, what sort of an impression I make on the minds of others when they meet me in daily intercourse. I don't even know how my own voice sounds, although I've been listening to it ever since I can remember. Did you ever hear yourself talk in a photograph? No? Well, try it the next time you have a chance, and you will not only be astonished, but what is still stranger, you will be disappointed, probably a little shocked. Everybody has that experience.

"I supposed that I was perfectly familiar with my own voice and thought privately that it was rather agreeable. I had been told so plenty of times by other people and never knew that they were only 'jollifying' me until I made a photographic record and set it grinding. At the first word I jumped back in dismay and nearly pulled my ears off in the listening tubes.

"'Merciful heavens!' I said to myself, 'is it possible I talk like that?' I thought there must be something the matter with the cylinder and called in a friend to hear it. He grinned with delight. 'That's one of the most natural records I ever heard in my life,' he declared heartily, and I yearned for his gore.

"But as I just remarked, everybody who tries the experiment has the same experience. The voice is always absolutely unfamiliar and positively unpleasant. Yet there is a certain something about it that differentiates it from any other voice you ever heard in your life—something indescribable that gives you a little secret thrill clear down to the soles of your feet. It is the voice of the mysterious body which you inhabit and which you know."

An Outrage.

"What makes you so late?" asked his mother.

"The teacher kept me in because I couldn't find Moscow on the map of Europe," replied Johnny.

"And no wonder you couldn't find Moscow! It was burned down in 1812. It's an outrage to treat a child that way!"

Misapprehension.

A small boy the other day heard the couplet of a hymn which runs thus:

And Satan trembles when he sees
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His pity was all for Satan. "Why does Satan let the saint sit upon his knees if it makes him tremble?"—Rochester Post-Express.

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Men's Backs.THE RISKS
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We thrill at the story of "Carlew shall not ring to-night." Yet it is most dramatic and commonplace beside the peril every woman runs who faces motherhood. Women are strangely self-forgetful. The exaltation of the fact of motherhood blinds them often to its peril. Yet the husband who can bear no tithe of the mother's pain or peril owes it to himself to see that his wife is in that condition of sound health which minimizes the risk both to mother and child. Many husbands have expressed their gratitude for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, because it makes the pain of motherhood practically nothing and reduces the risk to its lowest possible point.

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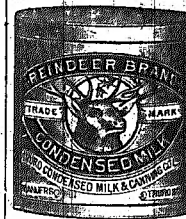
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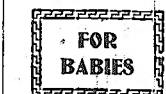
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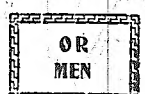
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